

# **West Surrey Cycling Club**

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 30th April 2026 at Normandy Village Hall**

### **Present**

Nick Flew[Chairman], Keith Stainer[Treasurer], Nick Davison[Secretary], John Carolin[Rides Secretary], Marion Isaac, Neil McIntyre [New Rider Co-ordinator], Alison Warren [Publicity Coordinator], Child[Website Manager] by Zoom

### **Apologies**

Helen Stewart

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

Approved without comment.

### **Matters arising**

Replacement for Treasurer: NF has contacted Russell Johnson who is willing to stand for Treasurer at the AGM. NF proposed and ND seconded.

Publicity for Audax events - see below

### **Secretary's Report**

No new ride leader registrations received

Kelly Cannings of CUK wishes to attend our AGM and I have confirmed this.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Financial statement was circulated prior to the meeting. The accounts have been audited and signed by our auditor Nick Moses ready for submission to CUK following the AGM. He added a

comment regarding sustainability of our income: a deficit of £880 this year compared with a surplus of a similar amount in 2025. The committee agreed that the subsidy for the annual dinner will have to be scaled back to just room hire for next year. The club's bank balance stands at £4615

### **Ride Secretary's Report**

JCar reported that GSS continue to prove popular with female and new riders participating. However, more ride leaders are needed. G2 and G3 rides appear to showing a trend of being shorter and slower than previous years. one new ride leader is undergoing assessment but there is concern that we need more ride leaders and the group leaders will be contacted.

### **New Rider Report**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. There was a healthy level of enquiries(20) since the start of the year. Of these 5 have joined which is lower than normal although there is often a time-lag.

It was noted by NF that the difference in speed between G5 and G4 was increasing with G4 appearing to be getting slower. NM stated that there was a strong influx of new riders to G5 was apparent.

### **Website**

JCh updated the awards from the annual dinner. It was suggested that photos of the awards should be included and all members were requested to assist.

### **Publicity**

AW noted that our followers on Facebook and Instagram had increased. Discussions with AudaxUK regarding publicity for our

events has led to posting on the AUK instagram site. JC stated that the business cards for the Elstead Audaxes have in incorrect QR code and is seeking replacements. It would appear that CUK are not interested in publicising our events.

NF stated that he had received two press contacts: the local BBC station wanted an interview at very short notice which was impracticable, and the Mail on Sunday who were declined.

Kelly Storage Cycle Challenge approached NF for publicity in the club and this was posted on Spond.

### **Club Kit**

An order for gilets is expected in about 60 days - this includes new orders both personal and for new riders as well as correction of the mistake by the supplier with an earlier order.

### **Events**

NM stated numbers of entries were up 50% on last year and he had split the cafe and control stop at Whitchurch between the silk museum and Kudos cafe for the 150 and 200 rides. A post will be put on Spond for volunteers for catering and check-in for the evening arrival period. It is expected that G5 will ride the 150 route next Wednesday.

JC reported that entries for the Tour of the Hills stood at 27. A small coordinating group for the catering is meeting shortly with Jill Ridyard.

There was a discussion around falling attendance at the Annual Dinner and it was noted that Christmas Dinners attract more members. A similar trend with attendance at the AGM's meant that an alternative format should be explored: ND mentioned that his

local road club holds club bike rides to all meet up for lunch at a pub garden.

### **Ride Leaders' Workshop.**

A Ride Leaders Workshop was held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February at Normandy Village Hall, with 24 participants.

Several potential changes to our advice/guidance to ride leaders arose from this event.

### **AGM Preparation**

A draft annual report, which was sent out prior to the meeting, had received amendments. Nominations for officials had been completed.

JCh to send out a reminder on Google Groups to the membership.

### **AOB**

**None**

### **Next Meeting**

To be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10am at NVH

### **Actions List**

1. JCh to send out a reminder of the forthcoming AGM on Google Groups to the membership.
  2. JCar to contact Group leaders regarding the need for more ride leaders
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